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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—“ May I ask the hon. Member to call for the list of applicants for the various examinations that were held for their selection for the last one or two years or ever since the order was passed ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Examinations for what, Sir ? ”

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—“ Candidates from among the educationally backward communities who appeared for the Staff Selection Board.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ The applications are available to Government if they want them.”

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—“ May I know whether the number of candidates has fallen low ever since this order was passed, especially among the backward communities ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I think, Sir, that those who were unsuitable were weeded out.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ May I ask whether this order has retrospective effect and whether it will affect only those that will enter service hereafter or to persons who are already in service and who hope to be confirmed ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Hereafter. It has effect from the date of the issue of the Government Order.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ May I know whether it applies to persons who will pass the examination hereafter or to those who have already passed and who hope to get appointments ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ This appears to be a new reading of the Government Order. The order is meant to apply to those who obtain appointments in Government service from the date of the order.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ Acting or permanent ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ Those who have been continuously in service for a certain period have been exempted from its operation.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know for what period ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I forget ; I must ask for notice.”

Secretariat

Tiffin room for the Secretariat staff.

* 227 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Secretariat staff have a room for taking their tiffin ;
- (b) what are the dimensions of the room now provided ;
- (c) what is the total number of clerks for whom it is meant ;
- (d) whether it is sufficient for the number of clerks that must resort to it within a particular hour ; and
- (e) what arrangements Government propose to make for the required accommodation ?

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A.—(a) & (b) There is at present no tiffin room for the Secretariat staff. A room in the ground floor of the Secretariat buildings measuring about 20 feet by 10 feet has been placed at the disposal of a caterer for the purpose of serving light refreshments to the staff.

(c), (d) & (e) There are 336 superintendents and clerks in the Secretariat. A scheme for the extension of the Secretariat buildings is under consideration. The scheme includes the provision of adequate tiffin room accommodation for the Secretariat staff.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Sir, may I enquire since what date this tiffin room has been existing ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ I must ask for notice.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“ Is that accommodation of 20 feet by 10 feet found sufficient for the caterer to serve tiffin to 350 people ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ As is already stated in the answer, there is a scheme for provision of additional accommodation.”

Depressed Classes

Alleged cheating of the depressed classes in Guntur and Nellore districts.

* 228 Q.—Mr. G. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many were punished in Guntur and Nellore districts for deceiving the depressed and backward classes by taking bribes from the year 1923 to 1927 ;

(b) how many cases are still pending with the Revenue and Police departments in Guntur district ; and

(c) if any, in what stage they are ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

Alleged grievances of Adi-Andhras in Machavaram.

* 229 Q.—Mr. G. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the quarrel among the Adi-Andhras over a well in Machavaram, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district ;

(b) whether the Government sanctioned a fresh water well for the Adi-Andhras of Machavaram ;

(c) whether the Labour Tahsildar of Guntur gave permission to sink a salt water well instead of a fresh water one in the said village ;

(d) whether the members of the depressed classes have sent appeals to the Government about their grievances ; and

(e) whether the Government have redressed their grievances and if not, at what stage the matter is at present ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) No. The Commissioner of Labour sanctions the construction of wells in the districts.